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Presented for filing is a new divisional patent application of:

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Title: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

The prior application is assigned of record to Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd., a Japanese corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded in the parent application on December 10, 1996 at Reel 8355 and Frame 0965.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	27
Claims	1
Abstract	1
Declaration	2 (copy from parent)
Drawing(s)	8

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This application is a divisional (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/304,975, filed May 3, 1999, which is a divisional of application serial no. 08/763,225, filed December 10, 1996, which claims the benefit of a foreign priority application filed in Japan, serial number 7-346702, filed December 12, 1995. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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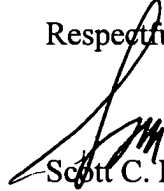
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